(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check infiltration of foreign terrorist groups into the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the report published in the Newstime of 11th June, 1989 titled "India a heaven for foreign terrorists". Concerned agencies of the Central and the State Governments are taking appropriate security measures in this regard. A cconstant vigil is kept on the movement of supected terrorist elements.

Review of Taxes on the Food processing Sector

222. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANACE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested a review of taxes on the food processing sector as it is a high cost industry ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the suggestion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of tax concessions have been given during the last three years to the food processing industry. It has not been found possible to agree to further concessions as suggested by the Federation.

Measures to protect Forest Areas from overgrazing

223. SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the short-term and long-term measures undertaken by Government for protecting forest areas from overgrazing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): The New National Forest Policy, 1988 has laid down the strategy to be adopted regarding over-grazing in forest areas. The short-term measures include levying of adequate grazing fees to discourage people in forest areas from maintaining large herds of non-essential livestock. The long-term measures include regulation of grazing with the involvement of the community and full protection to special conservation areas, regeneration areas and young plantations.

Infiltration into J and K from Pakistan

224. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of subversive elements are infiltrating into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government against such infiltration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS